

Black Bass Season Opens Tuesday in Pennsylvania, Connecticut and New Hampshire

PENNSYLVANIA BASS TIME OPENS JULY 1

Bronze Backers Prefer Live Bait During July and August.

PORK RIND EFFECTIVE

What the Past Performances of 50 Game Fishers Show on Various Lures.

By DIXIE CARROLL.

The black bass season opens in Pennsylvania on Tuesday, and fishing is permitted for the small mouth and large mouth until December 30. The length limit is nine inches and the catch limit is twelve in one day.

A statute of the Pennsylvania law says "Game fish may be taken only through the use of a single rod and line, or one handline with not more than three hooks attached."

The naturalized foreign born residents are prohibited from fishing. Angling is not permitted on Sunday on inland waters.

Following up the dope sheet on the past performances of the fifty large bass, the wiggler of the pork rind, the darting swim of the minnow and the kicking swim of the little of frog show up well in the menu that lured these game fish to the landing net.

Lots of fishermen have overlooked the popular pork rind in the chase after the big fish, but now since the highest catch of living has shot this old juicy morsel up into the turkey class it will probably be more popular. It sure has a wriggle that makes the bass cross-eyed to get at it.

Of the nine bass that were satisfied with a piece of pork rind had the assistance of a piece of red flannel cloth to excite the curiosity of the fish, and six were rigged up with a small spinner or spoon in front of the pork rind.

Pork Rind Tempting.

The pork rind bait was used right through the season, being particularly effective during July and August, when the bass are generally in the deep holes in the morning or late in the afternoon.

The wise ones will be sure to carry a bottle of pork rind in the tackle box for the days when the bass turn up their noses at most any kind of bait you offer them. Toss a little pork to 'em when you are trying to dope out the right bait for the lureless fish.

The minnow, one of the natural foods of the bass, brought eight of these old timers to the net, and the months of July and August which are conceded to be the best months to test the skill of the bass fishermen, were the ones in which the minnow was most effective.

This, however, does not prove that the minnow is not tempting bait during the rest of the season, as it is the general thing to use the artificial early and late in the season, at which time they are a mighty attractive lure, although early in the morning and late at night and for night fishing the artificial are great live casting lures during July and August.

The Value of Minnows.

Of the minnows the silver shiner or dace seemed to be the one that tickled the palate of the bass in the most effective way. Its silvery sides made an invitation too strong for the big fish.

The mud minnow, with its yellowish golden tint and husky constitution, was second choice, with the river or creek chub closing the balloting.

The silver shiner is a fine bait for any time or condition of water, and is particularly good on dark and cloudy days, when the water is rough or murky.

The chub is a winner on bright days and in clear and still water, while the mud minnow is a sure bet in the water, for the five minute he is in the water.

For a lively wiggler the mud minnow has the rest of the minnow family standing still.

Of the bass were caught in the shadows and five coaxed out of the deep water by letting the minnow sink after the cast and then reeling in the bait several feet and then the bottom.

Taking the minnow from any angle, it is a good bass bait, but no doubt was not used as much as the others, owing to the fact that it is hard to procure in times and is not as handy as the plug or pork rind.

For deep water fishing when the bass seem off the bottom, a forty-eight small mouth bass were taken from one spring lake, located in ninety feet of water, by three fishermen.

Each day, at the only bait used was the mud minnow, commonly called the Molly chub, and the waters fished were very "chilled," in fact the water was stirred thoroughly for the last twenty years.

These bass range from two and five and a quarter pounds, and ten of them ranging from three and a half to five and a quarter, made as nice a string of game, boys, as will be found in many a day's paddle.

Bass Like Natural Food in July.

To the hopping little green backed white bellied frog eight bass passed the time of day and were hooked for their curiosity, and again July and August made out the months in which this natural food made the strongest appeal to the bass.

Three of the frogs were dressed up with little pieces of red flannel and five of the fish were taken from weed beds and three from alongside of logs and wandalls.

In the late season fishing in August the cast was made right into the weeds and the frog given a chance to sink a bit, then slowly reeled in, then another now up, and so on until the waiting bass struck him in his slow move among the weeds.

Of course a weedless hook was used in most cases and on three of the frogs a spoon was carried as a special inducement to the bass.

The flash of the spoon was the special lure of four of the bass and one of them was an eight and one half pounder. This old granddaddy bass had passed his palmy days in a quarry hole, as clear and cool as any North woods spring fed lake, and the fisherman who was so skillful enough to land this wheeler had tried out everything in the bait line, from grasshoppers and minnow down to a dozen plugs, without getting a swirl.

He took a final chance on a No. 5 spoon with a treble hooked hook, and the first cast brought a short strike; the second cast with the spoon was struck by a 42 centimeter shell.

August and September were the months in which these four bass were landed.

Some credit is also due the spoon from the fact that it was used with other baits.

There is nothing makes a piece of pork rind more effective than a very small spoon, about No. 2, and it is a very effective used in conjunction with the frog or minnow.

William Farnum and His 118½-lb. Tuna



THE CAPTURE OF THIS TUNA, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TACKLE SPECIFICATIONS WINS FOR MR. FARNUM THE TUNA CLUB'S HIGHEST AWARD—A BLUE BUTTON THE FISH TOOK 104 MINUTES.

Doings of Local Anglers With Rod, Reel and Line

Fiske at Nova Scotia Bar.

The Wampus Fishing Club in its first trip last Sunday with Capt. Julius Talley in his new boat, the U. A. L., caught 45 fiske on Nova Scotia Bar in Jamaica Bay.

High hook included: Trip 16; Talley, 14; Gornin, 10; Korb, 5, and Risks, 2 fiske. A. Gornin caught the largest fiske, a 7½ pounder.

"J. S." asks if there is a limit to the number of hooks on a casting plug when used in New York State waters?

New York has no statute on the subject.—Editor.

Fishermen in the Linta of Canarsie on Tuesday caught fiske at the outside groups ranging up to 4½ pounds. H. Mendenhall, of 2783 Myrtle avenue, Glendale, was high hook with 13 fish.

BASS TIME OPENS TUESDAY IN 3 STATES

In Pennsylvania Season Begins for Various Species.

Tuesday is the opening day of the season in Pennsylvania for the following fish: Lake trout or salmon trout (limit twenty-five), black bass (large or small), pike perch, white bass, crappie, alewife or calico bass, grass bass, pike perch (otherwise called walleye) or Suckers (salmon), pickerel, yellow perch, muskellunge or West-ern pike, black bass (medium length 9 inches, limit twelve), rock bass, white bass, crappie, alewife or calico bass and grass bass (6 inches, limit twenty).

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NEW YORK AQUARIUM TO HAVE WELL BOAT Will Preserve Fish Alive From Local Traps.

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VISION OF TROUT HIGHLY ORGANIZED

Sense of Hearing Dependent Upon Concussion and Vibration.

FEEDING HABITS OF FISH

Often Deny Themselves Sustenance Over Considerable Periods of Time.

By TAMARACK.

In so far as the question whether or not vision and color perception are highly developed in trout, the idea ably presented by Ladd Plimley in answer to the theory ancient color-blindness mentioned by "Cardigan" is supported by biologic analogy.

For the purpose of bringing out this analogy take the senses in the deer and the red fox. In these two animals, types of many, hearing and scent are of high organization. Evolution has effected these keen senses as part of the scheme of survival of the species. Without accurate hearing and scent the deer and the fox would not survive. In deer eyesight is of lesser development—deer are not remarkably sharp sighted. And of the fox, which we are wont to endow with uncanny powers, the eyes are of secondary importance, and therefore are inferior in development to the senses of smell and hearing.

Among fishes, the brook trout being taken as a type there is a reversal in the order of the faculties from the foregoing, due to the difference in habitat and consequent requirements. It is a fact of biology that organs which cease to perform functions become rudimentary or even disappear entirely; where function is slowly passing through retrograde stages, a present condition, anatomy and sensory, commensurate with the needs of the parts prevail.

Eyes and Ears Alert.

In water the conductivity of sound waves differs in its operation from that of the air; hearing is modified to conform to the existing medium and probability is more acutely directed to concussion and vibration. And because of a watery abode the sensations of taste and smell in fishes are not of a high order.

In consequence of this transposition of faculties the main reliance for continued existence in fishes is placed upon highly organized vision and what answers for hearing, such being the case the sight and the modified reaction of sound locally correspond to the sensitive nostril and the quick ear of deer and of fox.

The far of bog, the crunch of stone, the rattling of a wheel, the clatter of a mink, the plunge of a fish, the splash of a heron, and of kingfisher, at times the lightning movement of the fly rod—these, casting their shadows before, announce to alert organs of hearing and sight the imminence of danger, and the fish, with its eyes of trout ever in quest and cause the scurry to the ready places of refuge.

Protective Coloration of Prey.

Were trout devoid of good eyesight and of color divination they would themselves out in useless rising to foreign particles borne down upon the water, and they would grind away their strength in vain, for protective coloration of prey which calls for sharp differentiation is provided for in waters no less than on the soil.

Conversely, the trout, through the ages to an environment, the trout of the Mammoth Cave of Kentucky have undergone structural and functional changes derived out of their habitat. The events follow: One-quarter ounce distance bait; one-quarter ounce distance bait; accuracy dry fly, five ounce rod; accuracy dry fly, five ounce rod.

Kingfisher and Fiske at Rockaway. J. C. McBride, fishing at the Iron Pier, Rockaway, last Tuesday, caught eight kingfisher. Fiske are also being caught at the pier.

A "contingent" of warm weather, writes Mr. McBride, "means good fishing."

Clubs fishing to-day for weakfish, sea bass and blackfish follow: The Manhattan Club, from 10th to 12th streets, and Isaac Walton anglers in the Comfort, Capt. Ray Wulfsberg.

How to Keep Mussels on Hook.

Thirteen anglers headed by Charles Fox of Sixth avenue, near Broadway, Astoria, fishing in the Two Bays from Freeport last Sunday caught 163 fiske and blackfish. Rose was high hook with 24 fish and also had the heaviest fiske, a "door mat" weighing 12 pounds.

"Rose has a new way of keeping mussels on his hooks," writes John O'Hare of Astoria. He wraps the mussel up in cheesecloth and in this way he does not lose his bait so often."

Fiske Fishing Good Now. "On board the Joe Pinkett last Sunday the fishermen hit the fiske good and plenty," writes "The Man With the Leather Pants." "The prize fish was a six pound fiske taken by Giuseppe Candello, who was a newcomer on the boat."

Many of the old timers seem to have lost the knack of getting the fish. Lucky George still feels confident he will win the pennant this year for catching the largest fish of the season.

"One of the anglers hooked and landed a two pound lobster, the first taken on the boat in several years."

"Pinking is now at its best and will continue so until after the Fourth of July, if the fishermen would remember that a three foot cable laid leader, good hooks, a swivel and a ten or twelve ounce sinker are one of the best rigs for fiske. Many of the fiske last Sunday were lost because of poor tackle, and the fact of not waiting for the net or kaff, which is always handy."

"So me for shrimp tows—I'll have on my thirdhand old standby, which always rides the stream wing and wing on an even keel."

Only One Deer Complaint. Permission for fruit growers and other farmers of Dutchess County to shoot one buck deer on their farms during the forty-five days beginning October 1, which is secured from the Legislature on the basis of extensive damage by the deer, was taken advantage of by only one farmer this year.

Washington's Casting Dates. CHICAGO, June 28.—At the casting lagoon, Washington Park, casting tournaments will be held by the Washington Park Amateur Casting Club on the following dates: July 12-13, 26-27; August 9-10, 23-24; September 6-7, 20-21, and October 4-5, 18-19.

Chart for Anglers. ROME, N. Y., June 28.—The Irondequoit Fish and Game Protective Association has issued a chart which shows the location of fishing grounds in Irondequoit Bay for taking wall eyed pike, perch and pickerel.

Notables on the Banks

Capt. George Wilson Sketch No. 5

By ARTHUR THORNTON.

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SPORTSMEN URGED TO SHOOT CROWS

"Winged Devils of the Fields and Woods" a Foe of Game Birds.

FARMER'S CHIEF ENEMY

Useful Mission in Life Now Superseded by Man Who Seeds Waste Places.

By C. O. LE COMPTE.

The record of the crow is like its coat—about as black as black can be. It may be that in the great plan of nature, some time in the past, the crow served a useful purpose—likewise the hawk and buzzard.

Take the buzzard, for example. Once protected by human laws everywhere, he became useful for removing carrion, the stench of which offended the nostrils of all animal life. It is now outlawed, because man realizes that it is better to burn or bury the dead—leaving no excuse for the existence of the disease carrying buzzard.

So, in the beginning, the mission of the crow, we may conjecture, was to preserve some equilibrium, some balance in the economy of nature. It may be he was placed here to hold in check the weed seed and grain eating birds, because weeds were a factor in the past in covering the waste places of the earth and making them fertile.

However that may have been, there seems to be no excuse for his existence now, since man, the agriculturist, seeds the waste places to useful grains and grasses, and needs the help of the insectivorous birds.

"Winged Devils of Fields." Probably no one has ever had a better opportunity than I have had to observe the crow and to study its life through out every period of its existence. I was reared on a farm in a country where crows were plentiful, and on account of my health I spent every hour of my life for years in the open.

When I was 9 years old my father bought me a gun, and one of his first admonitions was, "Never shoot a farm-dwelling bird." Always, the robin, the meadow lark and the other insectivorous birds were as safe near me as the crow. I have never shot a crow.

But, believe me, the crow is not our protected friend. I have never shot a crow, but I have seen it destroy the eggs of the meadow lark and the other insectivorous birds, and I have seen it destroy the eggs of the meadow lark and the other insectivorous birds.

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